

FISCAL NOTE

SB 918 - HB 1637

April 15, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes provision that the juvenile court judge must be notified that child abuse may have occurred; allows the individuals currently legally required to report abuse to conduct their own investigation and determine whether suspected abuse should be reported; removes ability to get a judicial determination that a child is in immediate danger in abuse cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$563,600

Assumes a decrease in abuse investigations for Department of Children's Services resulting in an estimated \$224,400 decrease in state expenditures.

Also assumes an increase in state expenditures of \$788,000 for additional children coming into state custody due to lack of investigation and early intervention into suspected child abuse cases resulting in more expensive and longer placements.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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